

REMARKS

Claims 2-18 and 20-22 are Allowable

The Office has allowed claims 15 and 20, at paragraph 8 of the Final Office Action. Applicants thank the Examiner for these allowances.

In a telephonic conference with the Examiner held April 24, 2008, at approximately 11:10 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, the Examiner agreed to consider dependent claims for allowability.

Applicants have amended claims 2-14 and 16-18, which depend from claim 15, and are therefore allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 15.

Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have added new claim 21, which is supported by the Specification. Claim 21 depends from claim 20, and is therefore allowable, at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 20. Applicants have added new claim 22, which is supported by the Specification. Claim 22 depends from claim 15, and is therefore allowable, at least by virtue of its dependence from claim 15.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

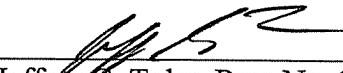
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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